



Homer Public Library's Western Lot

Vision: The Homer Public Library's western lot is integrated into the library's mission and programs and serves as a vibrant and safe part of the Homer community.

Long-term Goals (2015-2020)

1. increase safety for trail users and library patrons
2. expand available space for existing library programs
3. create potential space for new library programs
4. develop new partnerships with community entities who encourage the use of outdoor space
5. provide a new community space within the city center
6. connect with neighbors interested in improving the Poopdeck Trail area to make it a community asset, not a liability

Short-term Objectives (2015)

FHL's first priority is to establish the western lot as a safe place. Our short-term objectives are to:

- Maintain better sight lines created by the recent thinning by the city
 - Work soil to prevent rapid regrowth of shrubs and weeds
 - Consider stump removal where appropriate
 - Map out wetland area and consider planting compatible low growing plants
 - Organize volunteer work crew to cut back regrowth
- Install downward facing lighting
 - Map out new footpaths to accommodate StoryWalk program
 - Meet with the city to discuss the feasibility of installing lighting and annual maintenance needs and costs; and new potential footpath map
 - Put in new footpaths and install lighting
- Encourage appropriate use of the lot to discourage inappropriate use
 - Install dog poop bag receptacles
 - Install additional heavy duty trash cans along main trail and work with the City to have trash removed regularly
 - Install picnic tables, benches, and new free library stand
 - Hold a community meeting of groups that tend to use outdoor space for events/programs to discuss their needs
 - Hold additional meetings with user groups, neighbors and other community partners
 - Develop a site plan based on community discussion, program needs and reasonable funding levels for the next 5 years